



Friday 15th January 2021

Spring Term : Edition 2

Dear Parents/Carers

At the time of writing, all our staff continue to be in school every day, with teachers still teaching in school daily as well as providing home learning. Can I please remind parents/carers not send emails unless absolutely necessary – please also be patient, teaching staff will respond to e-mails, but it might not be immediately – thank you.

Earlier this week, Miss Hayward sent home information about the government’s new mobile data scheme to help support families during lockdown who are experiencing difficulties accessing online learning. The scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. If you did not receive a copy of Miss Hayward’s letter, or would like more information, please contact the School Office.

At times like these, it highlights what a close community we have at Bentham. I would just like to thank the numerous individuals who have got in touch with the school, offering tips, advice, help and devices that they no longer need and can be recycled. Thank you also to Rev Anne Russell and her dedicated team, who continue to provide support and much needed food parcels. Rev Anne Russell can be contacted at revanne.ingleborough@gmail.com.

Finally, can I remind parents/carers that if they wish to access the school’s Breakfast or After School Club provision, then they MUST pre-book places. Due to current circumstances, children cannot simply turn up on the day. Places should be booked via admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Have a lovely weekend, but please continue to stay safe at home.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

Home Learning and Packed Lunches With apologies for any confusion caused, this week, due to heavy rainfall, home learning packs and packed lunches were moved to the entrance porch adjacent to the Pram Store. Moving forwards, and as the weather appears not to be improving, if items are left for

collection and are not in the Pram Store, then please check the entrance porch – the automatic door will open upon approach without having to press any buttons. Thank you.

Libraries in Lockdown We have been advised by the Library Service that whilst libraries are closed for browsing, they are open in Skipton, Bentham, Gargrave, Grassington and Ingleton for a ‘Select and Collect’ service. Parents/carers should contact the library by e-mail or phone and provide details of what type of books their child(ren) enjoy to read and/or require for school work. The library team will put together a selection of books ready for collection. Book reservations can also be made on line at <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire> . If you are currently not a member of a library and would like to join, please visit <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northyorkshire/join>

In addition to loaning books, the library also offer a printing service. If you do not have access to a printer, documents for printing can be forwarded to the library and arrangements made for collection. There is a small charge of 10p per sheet for black and white prints).

For further information about your local library and the services available please visit :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/library-and-record-office-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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REMINDER FREE SCHOOL MEALS If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have been contacted by the school to find out if you would like a packed lunch preparing for collection from school on a daily basis.

If this is not the case, then please contact the School Office. If, after further consideration, you have now decided that you would like to collect a packed lunch,

then again, please contact the School Office on either 015242 61412 or via e-mail admin@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk.

As soon as we receive further information about the provision of Free School Meals during school closure from the Department for Education we will pass details onto parents/carers.

class4@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk (Miss Hayward)
class5@bentham.n-yorks.sch.uk (Mrs Harvey)

COMPUTER ACCESS We have been contacted by the Ingleborough Community Centre and Library with information that they have a small number of computers that can be used FREE of charge. Social distancing measures are in place for anyone wanting to access the computers. For more information, please contact Ingleton Library 0845 034 9536.

HARROGATE AND CRAVEN YOUTH COUNCIL We have been contacted by the Youth Voice and Creative Engagement officer who is currently working on a transport campaign for Harrogate and Craven Youth Council. As part of the campaign the HCYC are trying to ascertain young people's understanding, needs and barriers to public transport. To help support research you can complete a survey at :

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?=-160588693375>

Library Books – reminder Please do not return Bentham Library books to school as we are currently not visiting the library. Books should be returned directly to the Library which is located at The Looking Well. Thank you.

Parentpay Can we please remind parents/carers to regularly check their child's Parentpay Account. Please remember, if you are financially struggling and are unable to pay off an outstanding Parentpay debt then please contact the school. There are options available, including making small weekly contributions. Failure to contact the school about an outstanding balance may result in a referral being made to NYCC's Legal Team.

Reminder, for more information about Covid and symptoms in children, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

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